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In re Patent Application of:)
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Serial No. 10/752,993) Examiner: Shrinivas H. Rao
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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE) October 27, 2008

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 25, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 25, 2008 was received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18-22, 24-28, 30-34 and 36-100 were pending prior to the instant amendment. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18-22, 24-28, 30-34, 36-54 and 99-100 is gratefully acknowledged. However, for the reasons advanced herein, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable.

Claims 55-91 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nitta et al. (US. Patent No. 6,304,329, hereinafter Nitta) in view of Sasaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,213,654, hereinafter Sasaki) and Mitnaga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,808,321, hereinafter